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# HOUSE BILL No. 1039

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1-7.

**Synopsis:** Period of silent reflection in schools. Allows school corporations to establish a mandatory daily period of quiet reflection of not more than one minute at the beginning of each school day, which is not intended to be a religious service or exercise and may not be conducted as a religious service or exercise, to enable students to reflect on the anticipated activities of the day. Repeals the current law providing for local option silent prayer or meditation in public school classrooms.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Withdrawn.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-7-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) A school corporation may**  
4 **establish a period of thoughtful, quiet reflection at the beginning of**  
5 **each school day to enable students to reflect on the anticipated**  
6 **activities of the day. The period of quiet reflection may not be more**  
7 **than one (1) minute. All students in the school corporation shall**  
8 **participate in a period of quiet reflection established under this**  
9 **section.**

10       **(b) The period of quiet reflection required by this section:**  
11       **(1) is not intended to be a religious service or exercise; and**  
12       **(2) may not be conducted as a religious service or exercise.**

13       SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-7-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: ~~Sec. 8. Voluntary Religious~~  
15 ~~Observance = Authorized.~~ A voluntary religious observance is  
16 permitted in each school corporation if the school corporation follows  
17 sections 9 **and 10** ~~and 11~~ of this chapter and any additional procedures



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1 which it adopts to assure that the observance is voluntary.  
2 SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2002].

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